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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Espacenet, Delphion, WEST, USPTO, Internet. Search terms used; submarine, submersible, evacuation, offshore, rescue

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 3,902,553 (JERGINS, A. A.) 2 September 1975 * column 1, lines 5 - 10 and column 6, lines 41 - 58; figure 6 *	1,2,4,19,23,32,34-38
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